

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 73: GEOLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS

§4902. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the following words shall have the following meanings. [1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

1. Board. "Board" shall mean the State Board of Certification for Geologists and Soil Scientists.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

1-A. Approved. "Approved" means approved by the board.

[2007, c. 402, Pt. S, §1 (NEW) .]

2. Certified geologist. "Certified geologist" means a person entitled under this chapter to take and use the title.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

3. Certified soil scientist. "Certified soil scientist" means a person entitled under this chapter to take and use the title.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

4. Geologist. "Geologist" means a person engaged in the practice of geology.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

5. Geology. "Geology" means that science which treats of the earth as a whole; the investigation of its composition, its size, shape and relationships between consolidated and unconsolidated rock units in the regolith and bedrock; and the applied aspects of utilizing knowledge of the earth and its constituents; including its consolidated and unconsolidated rock units, its minerals, liquids, gases and other materials for the benefit of mankind.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

6. Pedology. "Pedology" shall mean that aspect of soil science which involves, among others, the nature, properties, formation, classification, functioning behavior and response to use and management of soils; it shall include the mapping and identification of soils, and the interpretation of soil properties. Pedology centers on soils as the biochemically weathered part of the earth's crust, the collection of natural bodies on the earth's surface, supporting plants, with a lower limit at the deeper of either the unconsolidated mineral or organic material lying within the zone of rooting of the native perennial plants; or where horizons impervious to roots have developed the upper few feet of the earth's crust having properties differing from the underlying rock material as a result of interactions between climate, living organisms, parent material and relief.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

7. Practice of geology. "Practice of geology" means the performance of geological work or service for the public, including, but not limited to, consultation, investigation, surveys, evaluation, planning, mapping or inspection of geological work, wherein the performance is related to the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, health, property and the environment.

[1983, c. 816, Pt. A, §36 (AMD) .]

8. Practice of soil science. "Practice of soil science" shall be held to mean any professional service which requires the application of pedological principles and data. Such professional service includes identification and mapping of soils according to the standards of the National Cooperative Soil Survey, consultation or evaluation.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

9. Qualified soil scientist. "Qualified soil scientist" shall mean a person who, by reason of his knowledge of pedology, the biological and physical sciences, acquired by professional education and practical experience, is qualified to engage in the practice of soil science as defined.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

10. Qualified geologist. "Qualified geologist" means a person who possesses the qualifications specified for certification, except that he is not certified.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

11. Responsible charge of work. "Responsible charge of work" means the independent control and direction by the use of initiative, skill and independent judgment of work or the supervision of such work.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

12. Subordinate. "Subordinate" means any person who assists a certified geologist or soil scientist without assuming the responsible charge of work.

[1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

1973, c. 558, §1 (NEW). 1983, c. 816, §A36 (AMD). 2007, c. 402, Pt. S, §1 (AMD).

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